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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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7 JOSEPHENIE ROBERTSON, et al.,

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Plaintiffs,

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v.

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REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA, THE, et al.,

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Defendants.

Case No. 17-cv-00852-JST

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13 **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

14 Re: ECF No. 1

15 Plaintiff Josephine E. Robertson's purports to bring this case for herself and on behalf of
16 seven other named plaintiffs, although none of the putative named plaintiffs has signed the
17 complaint. ECF No. 1 at 1, 10-11. The same complaint states that Plaintiffs bring "this Class
18 Action Complaint against Defendants the Republic of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, and the
19 Sandinista Party . . . on behalf of all the Miskitu peoples." ECF No. 1 at 2. Plaintiff Robertson is
20 not represented by an attorney, however, and is not an attorney herself. *Id.* at 25.

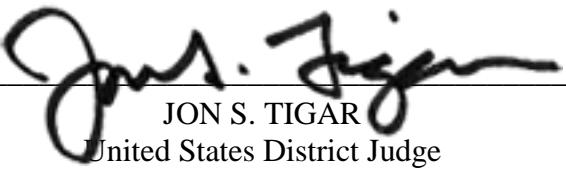
21 "Pro se plaintiffs are not adequate class representatives able to fairly represent and
22 adequately protect the interests of [a] class." Blake v. Cty. of Santa Clara, No. 16-CV-01279-
23 HSG, 2016 WL 4073339, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 1, 2016) (citing Oxendine v. Williams, 509 F.2d
24 1405, 1407 (4th Cir. 1975); Simon v. Hartford Life, Inc., 546 F.3d 661, 664-65 (9th Cir. 2008)).
25 "[A] litigant appearing in propria persona has no authority to represent anyone other than
26 [herself]." Russell v. United States, 308 F.2d 78, 79 (9th Cir. 1962).

27 Plaintiff may not maintain a purported class action, or bring claims on behalf of the other
28 seven named plaintiffs, unrepresented. Accordingly, Plaintiff is ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE
why the Court should not dismiss all claims except her individual claim on her own behalf. A
hearing on this Order to Show Cause is set for June 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. to coincide with the

1 pending motion to dismiss. Plaintiff's written response is due by June 8, 2017.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

3 Dated: May 24, 2017


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5 JON S. TIGAR
6 United States District Judge
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